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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 1st day of February, 2001.



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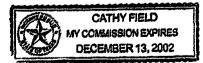
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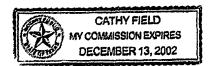
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WITH AND INTO "TOTALFINAELF E&P USA, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "TOTALFINAELF E&P USA, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, WAS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2000, AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE AFORESAID CORPORATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF MERGER IS THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2001, AT 12:05 O'CLOCK A.M.

Warriet Smith Windson Secretary of State

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Return to: TotalFinaElf E&P USA, Inc. 800 Gessner Suite 700 Houston, TX 77024 Attn: Ruth Reyes